[*Translation*]

Raids on Officers

3779. SHRI JANARDAN MISRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether raids have been conducted on the premises of the officers of the rank of Commissioner and equivalent in different parts of the country during the last two months;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the unaccounted money, assets and incriminating documents detected during these raids; and

(d) the action taken so far against these officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No raids have been conducted on the premises of I.R.S officers of the rank of Commissioner and equivalent in different parts of the country during the last two months.

(b) to (d). In view of (a) above, the question does not arise.

[*English*]

Exports of canned Food.

3780. DR. R. MALLU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to give priority to canned food exports;

(b) if so, the steps taken or propose to be taken by the government in this regard; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure that prices of raw material in the country do not hike and malnutrition among the vulnerable group does not increase due to such exports?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) takes various steps which include marketing development, product promotion, quality up-gradation, improvement in packaging, arranging buyer seller meet, participation in international trade fairs etc.

(c) In case of items of mass consumption restrictions such as quantitative ceilings or a complete ban on export of agricultural products are stipulated, wherever necessary.

[*Translation*]

Construction of bridge on Ghaghar River

3781. SHRI LAKSHMI NARAIN MANI TRIPATHI:
ACHARYA VISHWANATH DAS SHASTRI:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal from Uttar Pradesh for construction of an over-bridge on Ghaghar rover at Bahraich Chahlari ghat linking Bahraich with Sitapur; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the union Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Meetings organised to encourage NRI Investments

3782. ACHARYA VISHWANATH DAS SHASTRI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of meetings, conferences and seminars organised during the last one year to induce the NRIs to invest in India;

(b) whether the Union Government sponsored any of these meetings, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government met the to and fro expenses of the participants; and

(d) if so, the details of the expenses incurred?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to(d). The Union Government has not organised any seminar in the last one year. However, a large number of private organisations did organise seminars and conferences. The to and fro expenses of the participants are either met by the sponsoring organisations or by the participants themselves.

The High Commission of India, Singapore, in association with Trade Development Board of Singapore conDulted an investment seminar in October, 1991 in Singapore which was attended by the Finance Minister and some officers of the Government and institutions.

Battery Buses

3783. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to reply given to Unstarred Question No. 447 on July 19, 1991 and state:

(a) the routes on which Battery Buses are plying at present in Delhi;

(b) whether these buses have been further extended to some other areas of Delhi;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government propose to direct Delhi Administration to run these buses in the areas of Delhi where DTC has not been able to maintain its frequency for a long time;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) At present Battery Buses are plying on the following routes in Delhi:-

1. C.G.O. Complex to North Block.
2. Lal Qila to Fatehpuri.
3. connaught Place to I.S.B.T.
4. ISBT to Fatehpuri.
5. Shakkarpur to Shahdara.
6. Bara Hindu Rao to Jama Masjid.
7. Shahdara to Ghonda.
8. Pahar Ganj to Bara Tooti.